

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 31, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-8 are pending, with claims 1 and 7 being independent. Claims 4-8 have been added. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Perkins

Claim 1 recites, among other limitations, the following:

"said printed circuit board having at least one of said spaced holes and extending through said outer side wall"

Perkins teaches a PCB (24) that extends under a wall (20) of a frame (14). See FIG. 5 of Perkins, not through the wall as recited by Claim 1. Consequently, Perkins does not have all of the elements as recited in Claim 1, which is, thus, patentable over Perkins.

Claims 2 and 3 depend from Claim 1 and benefit from its patentability.

Accordingly, withdrawal and reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejection are in order.

New dependent claims 4-6

Claims 4-6 depend from claim 1.

Claim 4 recites a frame having a plurality of inner walls which bridge an outer side wall of a frame. Perkins is silent about the inner walls.

Claim 5 recites a plurality of throughgoing holes formed in a PCB and receiving respective leg section which extend from inner walls of a frame. Although, Perkins teaches a plurality of throughgoing holes (34, FIG. 4), these holes receive leg portions (12, FIG. 3) that extend from a side outer wall. Thus, Perkins neither teaches nor suggests the limitation of Claim 5. Accordingly, Claims 4 and 5 recite additional limitations removing the invention as recited in claim 1 even further from the cited prior art reference.

New claims 7 and 8

Independent Claim 7 recites, in part,

a printed circuit board having a plurality of spaced peripheral extensions, said side wall of said frame and said peripheral

extensions comprising respective formations engaging one another upon coupling said frame to said printed circuit board.

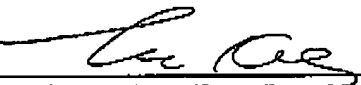
Perkins teaches a PCB having a flat peripheral surface, as shown in FIG. 4. Consequently, Perkins does not have spaced extensions as recited by new Claim 7. Claim 8 depends from claim 7.

Conclusion

Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect, and early passing of this application to issue, are respectfully urged.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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